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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM
ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN
NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS**

Examiner: L. M. Schillinger

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007, finally rejecting claims 9-13 and 66, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.